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Attack by Tigers
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of attack on human beings and killing of rhinos by tigers has been reported in Kaziranga National Park;
(b) whether it is true that due to Tiger Project in Kaziranga National Park, the rhinos population has declined and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government has reviewed the Tiger Project in Kaziranga National Park and if so, the details and outcome thereof; and
(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) As per information received from the State of Assam, incidents of attack on human beings by tigers have not been reported inside Kaziranga National Park. However, occasional kill or attack by tigers on rhino calves are reported, which is a natural phenomena of the eco-system.
(b) No Sir. On the contrary the rhino population in Kaziranga National Park has shown a constant increasing trend since it got notified as tiger reserve in the year 2008-09, which is evident from the table as below:

Year	Rhino Population
2006	1855
2009	2048
2012	2290
2013	2329
2015	2401

(c) & (d) The efficiency of tiger reserve management is assessed once in every four years by an independent team of experts using the Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE) of Tiger Reserves since 2006. Through this exercise management strengths, weaknesses and actionable points are chalked out based on which the tiger reserve administration sets future strategy of management. The detailed report of Management Effectiveness Evaluation of Tiger Reserves in India, inter alia including Kaziranga Tiger Reserve, done in the year 2010 and 2014 are available in public domain at www.wii.gov.in. Based on different criteria, the said tiger reserve has been evaluated as very good and good respectively in the year 2010 and 2014.

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